

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Amendment has been made to Table 1 of the specification herein.

In the amendment to Table 1, the character “←” has been replaced by the numeral – 13 – in the table entry in the column labeled “Example 2” and the row labeled “Dust”. As explained in the specification on page 9, the left arrow means that the value is the same as the value in the entry in the column to the left. Therefore, the amount of “Dust” in Examples 2-5 and Comparative Examples 1 and 2 is being amended from a value of 15 to a value of 13.

Applicants submit that this amendment does not constitute new matter. The dust is added as the remainder to a total of 100 volume%. Example 1 can be seen to total to 100%. The phenol resin is 4% higher and the barium sulfate 2% lower in Example 2, but due to a clerical error the correct value of dust (13 %) was not inserted in Example 2 in the Table; therefore, the total in Example 2 and the columns to the right is incorrectly 102%. The correction to the dust value in Table 2 allows these columns to correctly sum to 100%.

Applicants further note that the volume percentage of dust has no effect in itself in the performance of the friction material, and the amount of dust is not recited in any of the claims.

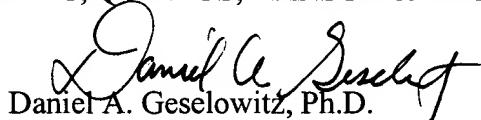
Entry of the amendment is respectively requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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